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three years, failing which they are liable to refund to the Government the cost of stipends drawn by them during their training."

* 1663 Q.—Sri M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that there is difference of grades among the Gramasevaks under the National Extension Service;

(b) the scales of pay of such grades;

(c) whether any specific work has been assigned according to their grades; and

(d) how many I Grade Gramasevaks are working in Tiruvallur taluk and the nature of work turned out by I grade Gramasevaks?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Yes. There are two grades—Grade I and Grade II.

" (b) Grade I is in the scale of Rs. 80—5—110 and Grade II in the scale of Rs. 45—3—60—5—90.

" (c) No.

" (d) There are seven I Grade Gramasevaks in Tiruvallur taluk. The nature of work turned out by Grade I Gramasevaks is not anything different from that of the Grade II Gramasevaks.

The duties of Gramasevaks in general are to energise the life of the village community which has generally become stagnant and unresponsive to any change from the traditional pattern; to get the villagers to think and talk about their problems, needs and desires; to inspire them to work to live better and also to create in them a desire to learn how to live and lead a better life, by inspiring their interest to the findings and recommendations of science. In short, the Gramasevak is the pivot of the National Extension Service."

Sri M. DHARMALINGAM :—" Sir, it is an admitted fact that the present Government headed by Sri Kamaraj Nadar are trying their very best to do a lot for the speedy advancement of the Harijans. But here under the National Extension Service Schemes it seems in Tiruvallur taluk especially, they have appointed only one Harijan as I Grade Gramasevak out of seven, and three only out of 60 II Grade Gramasevaks. It is an insufficient representation to Harijans. May I know from the Hon. Minister whether Government will consider the question of giving increased representation to Harijans both in the I and the II Grades?"

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have already answered, Sir, that those who have a particular aptitude for this type of work are selected and of course preferences are given to Harijans. Government cannot do anything more than that."

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SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Are these employees given any guarantee of future service or are they merely temporary hands liable to be terminated at any time? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, the Government of India have been seriously considering whether these employees could not be made permanent servants and make the administration a permanent one also. The Government of India also propose to aid the State Government in the matter of any financial commitments by making them permanent."

SRI M. P. SUBRAMANYAM :—" கிராம சேவக்களில் 1, 2 பிரிவினர்கள் செய்யும் வேலைகள் ஒன்றாக இருக்கும்போது சம்பளத்தில் மாத்திரம் மாறுதல் இருக்கவேண்டிய அவசியம் என்ன? ஏன் ஒரே சம்பளமாக இருக்கக்கூடாது, அவர்கள் நான்கைந்து கிராமங்களில் சேவை செய்ய வேண்டியிருப்பதால் அவர்களுக்கு ஸைக்கிள்கள் வாங்கி அளிக்கப்படுமா? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" அவர்களுடைய யோக்கியதைக்குத் தக்கவாறு தான் முதலில் நியமிக்கப்படுகிறார்கள். இவர்களில் நன்றாக வேலை செய்யக்கூடியவர்களை முதல் கிரேடுக்குப் பிரமோஷன் செய்யப்படுகிறது. அவர்கள் நான்கைந்து கிராமங்களில்தான் வேலை செய்யவேண்டும். சைக்கிள் அவசியமாக இருந்தால் அதைப் பற்றியும் பரிசீலனை செய்யப்படும்."

SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR :—" Is there disparity in the travelling allowance allowed to Gramasevaks employed in the Agricultural and the Revenue Departments? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" There may be a difference. But I do not have the information now."

Hospital for children in Madras City.

9-30 a.m. * 1664 *Q.*—SRI S. PAKKIRISAWMI PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to open a separate hospital for children in the City of Madras; and

(*b*) if so, when?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

SRI S. PAKKIRISAWMI PILLAI :—" In view of the fact that there has been an abnormal increase in the number of child mortality cases in the City for the last two years, will the Government expedite the proposal to open a separate children's hospital in the City? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, we have got the Women and Children's Hospital at Egmore and the Kasturbha Gandhi Women and Children's Hospital at Triplicane. Also there are separate wards for children in other big hospitals. So, there is no immediate need for a separate children's hospital."